



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#15/c
Patent
030/27.0015/200
1/30/03
C. Styles
NE

Applicants: Erion *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/518,501

Filed: March 3, 2000

Title: NOVEL PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING
PRODRUGS

Group Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: McKenzie, T.

RECEIVED

JAN 22 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/290

Box AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
&
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representatives on November 20, 2002. This communication is responsive to that telephonic interview and the Final Office Action dated July 15, 2002.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 15, 2002. With the granting of the foregoing Petition, the time for responding to this Office Action is extended to include January 15, 2003. We enclose herewith \$930.00, representing the extension fees for response within the third month. In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees associated with this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1273.

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

01/22/2003 AWONDAF1 00000156 09518501

02 FC:1253

930.00 0P

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
(37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

January 15, 2003

Date of Deposit

Jill C. Youkel

Name of Person Mailing Paper

Signature of Person Mailing Paper